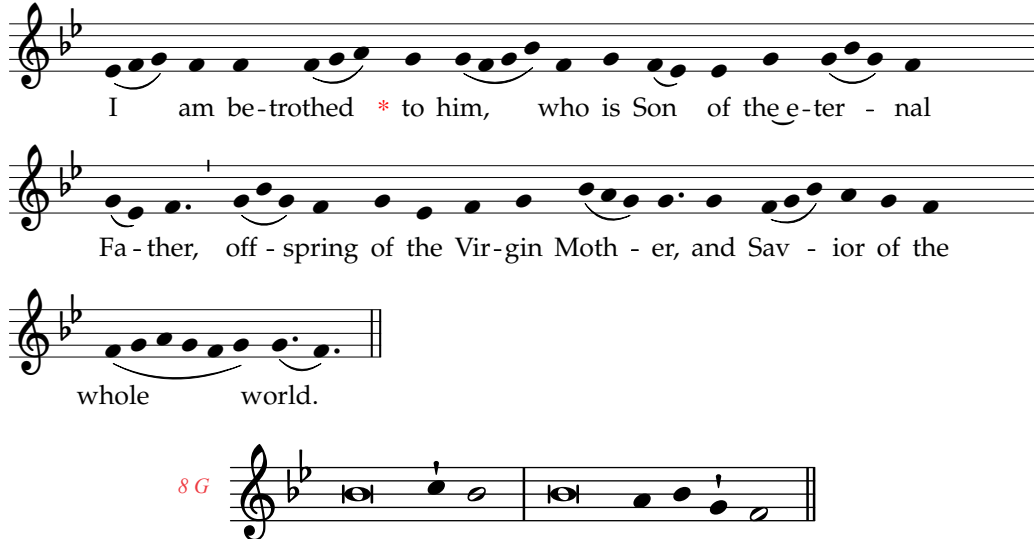


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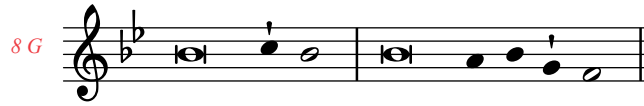
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Mode 8



Psalm 45 (44)

- ² My heart overflows with noble *words*. †
To the king I address the song I **have** made, *
my tongue as nimble as the *pen of a* scribe.
- ³ You are the most handsome of the sons of *men*, †
and graciousness is poured out upon **your** lips, *
for God has blessed *you forevermore*. **R.**
- ⁴ Gird your sword upon your thigh, O **mighty** one, *
with your splendor *and your* **majesty**.
- ⁵ In your majesty ride on *triumphant* †
in the cause of truth, meekness **and** right. *
May your right hand *show your* **wondrous** deeds. **R.**
- ⁶ Your arrows are sharp—peoples fall **beneath** you— *
in the heart of the *foes of* **the** king.
- ⁷ Your throne, O God, shall endure forever. †
A scepter of justice is the scepter of your **kingdom**. *
- ⁸ Your love is for uprightness; your *hatred for* **evil**. **R.**
- Therefore God, your God, has anointed *you* †
with the oil of gladness above **other** kings: *
- ⁹ your robes are fragrant with aloes, *myrrh, and* **cassia**. **R.**
- From the ivory palace you are gladdened with music. †
- ¹⁰ The daughters of kings are those whom you **favor**. *
On your right stands the queen in *gold of* **Ophir**. **R.**



- ¹¹ Listen, O daughter; pay heed and **give** ear: *
forget your own people *and your* **father's** house.
- ¹² So will the king desire your **beauty**. *
He is your lord, pay *homage* **to** him. **R.**
- ¹³ And the daughter of Tyre shall come **with** gifts; *
the richest of the people shall *seek your* **favor**.
- ¹⁴ The daughter of the king is clothed with **splendor**; *
her robes are *threaded* **with** gold. **R.**
- ¹⁵ In fine clothing she is led to **the** king; *
behind her are her maiden companions, *brought to* you.
- ¹⁶ They are escorted amid gladness **and** joy; *
they pass within the *palace of* **the** king. **R.**
- ¹⁷ Sons will be yours to succeed your **fathers**; *
you will make them rulers *over all* **the** earth.
- ¹⁸ I will make your name forever **remembered**. *
Thus the peoples will praise you *from age to* age. **R.**

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